



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 20, 2005

S. 1181

A bill to ensure an open and deliberate process in Congress by providing that any future legislation to establish a new exemption to section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) be stated explicitly within the text of the bill

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on June 13, 2005

S. 1181 would amend the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to require any information exempted from FOIA in legislation enacted after July 1, 2005, specify what information should be exempt from that act. CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget because we do not expect it would cause a significant increase or decrease in the number of FOIA requests.

S. 1181 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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